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**New Jersey FFA Environmental/Natural Resources CDE Rules
BURLINGTON COUNTY ECOCOMPLEX GREENHOUSE
COLUMBUS, NJ
April 26, 2003**

**Registration starts at 9:30 am
Competition starts at 10:00 am sharp**

**COORDINATED BY DR. TIM JACOBSEN, AQUACULTURE SPECIALIST
CUMBERLAND COUNTY COLLEGE**

General Rules and Regulations

1. All teams must preregister prior to the event. The preregistration deadline date is Friday, **April 11, 2003**.
2. Registration must be completed for each individual and team participating in New Jersey FFA Career Development Events.**
3. Teachers are responsible for supervision of their students throughout the day. All students attending should belong to a competing team.
4. Teachers are asked to assist in proctoring Career Development Events.
5. A non-refundable registration fee of \$7.00 is due with registration. Registration fees are used to pay Career Development Event expenses and to provide awards. Please make checks payable to: **Treasurer, State of New Jersey**
6. The school with the highest team score (combined score of the three highest individuals) will have the opportunity to represent New Jersey at the national competition at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY in October.
7. Members of a first place team in a New Jersey FFA State Career Development Event may not compete in that particular New Jersey FFA Career Development Event again.
8. Only dues-paid members of chartered chapters in good standing may be certified to compete for recognition and further competition. Non-members and non-chartered chapters/schools may participate but are not eligible for trips, trophies, certificates, medals and banners. Entry fees may be higher for non-members.
9. The online registration forms must be used for all state events. These forms can be found on the state website under "Event Registrations."

**New Jersey Career Development Events that are conducted using guidelines in the National FFA Career Development Event Booklet (2001-2005).

For the 2003 event, the theme is Air Quality (Air Pollutants & the Effects, Quality of Life & Air Pollutants, Acid Rain, and Clean Air Act & Environmental Law) and students should be prepared for the following:

- A) Written Exam – 50 questions
 - B) Two of the three annual practicum areas
 - i. Press Release Writing
 - ii. National/Global Issues Interview
 - iii. Identification
 - C) The rotational practicums that students should be prepared for may include (one of the following):
 - i. Environmental Analysis
 - ii. Soil Nutrient Test
10. Official teams **must** be at Career Development Event location at the beginning of event. Teams who arrive late will be disqualified at the discretion of Dr. Tim Jacobsen.
 11. No individuals from the same school/chapter shall talk, confer or judge together. Penalty will be the loss of score for **that** section of the Career Development Event. The CDE Coordinator may also reserve the right to ***disqualify the participant.***
 12. All individuals participating will judge in a cooperative manner and will follow the rules set forth by the Career Development Event chairperson.
 13. No school/teacher will use the event site for the training of teams. ***Penalty will be disqualification.***
 14. Awards for the state career development event will be as follows:
 - A. The top 3 individuals in overall scores will receive the following:
1st Gold Medal, 2nd Silver Medal, 3rd Bronze Medal
 - B. The top five individuals in "Practicum" portions of Career Development Events will receive Certificates of Achievement.

ENVIRONMENTAL/NATURAL RESOURCES CDE RULES

1. Chapters may register one **official** team and one **alternate** team for competition in the 2003 Environmental/Natural Resources CDE at the Burlington County Ecocomplex, Columbus, NJ, on **April 26, 2003** at 9:30 am. Official and Alternate teams should be designated on the registration forms.
2. Entry forms with a non-refundable \$7.00 entry fee must be in the state office no later than **Friday, April 11, 2003** for each individual participating in the Environmental/Natural Resources CDE. No entry will be accepted after this date.
Email entry to ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us

Mail payment to:
Office of Agricultural Education
New Jersey Department of Agriculture
Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources
P.O. Box 330
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0330

Make check payable to: **Treasurer, State of New Jersey**

3. All contestants must report by 9:30 a.m. to the area designated upon your arrival at the Burlington County Ecocomplex Greenhouse on the day of the event.
4. Contestants will be assigned to groups and will remain with that group throughout the entire event.
5. Contestants will not be allowed to use or refer to any printed material at any time during the event. Contestants will only be allowed to have blank paper on their clipboards.
6. There will be no talking among contestants, no communication between coach and contestants, except in an emergency.
7. The top team will be awarded a plaque at State Convention.
9. **Official FFA dress (or business dress) is required.** Black jeans are permissible, since parts of the event may be conducted outside. Hats are not acceptable.
10. The phone number of the Burlington County Ecocomplex Greenhouse is (609) 499-2700. See attached directions.

Directions

Directions to EcoComplex

- **From the Turnpike:**
Take Exit 7 to Route 206 South
Follow signs to 295 South
Take 295 South to Exit 52A (Columbus)
EcoComplex is on the RIGHT just after first traffic light.
Follow the signs to the greenhouse.
- **From Route 206 Northbound:**
Route 206 North past Columbus Farmer's Market
Exit for the town of Columbus approximately one mile north of market
At light make LEFT onto Route 543 West (also called Main Street)
EcoComplex is on the LEFT just before second traffic light.
Follow the signs to the greenhouse.
- **From Route 295:**
Take Exit 52A (Columbus)
EcoComplex is on RIGHT just after first traffic light.
Follow the signs to the greenhouse.

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